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Art Unit: N/A

For: A METHOD, SYSTEM, AND APPARATUS
FOR SECURING A SECTION OF A
VERTICAL STACK OF GENERALLY FLAT
SHEETS, CARTONS, AND THE LIKE

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

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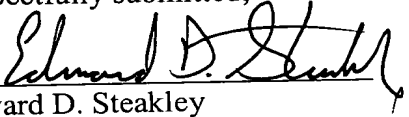
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